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DELAY IN REPAYMENT OF PF IN MUMBAI
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Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been delay in payment of Provident Fund to employees in Mumbai;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether any guidelines have been issued by the Union Government to the concerned department for repayment at the time of retirement;

(d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the steps taken in this direction;

(e) whether the department has received complaints from MPs and employees in this regard; and

(f) if so, the action taken against erring officials?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI VIJAY GOEL)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The reasons for the delay are:

- Not getting claim forms countersigned by the employer or authorised person.
- Non-readability due to correction in the Bank`s Saving Bank Account No. and the Bank`s name and address.
- Not affixing the Revenue Stamp and signature thereon to the effect of advance receipt as required in the claim form

(c): Yes, Sir.

(d): The Union Government has issued guidelines through provisions contained in Para 72(7) of the Employees` Provident Fund Scheme, 1952 and Para 17 A of the Employees` Pension Scheme, 1995. The guidelines provide that the claims complete in all respects submitted along with the requisite documents shall be settled and benefit amount paid to the beneficiaries within 30 days from the date of its receipt by the Commissioner.

As a step to ensure prompt settlement of claims, the staff members of Employees` Provident Fund Organisation have been sensitised with proper instructions and the Front Office functioning has been strengthened. The employer and the members are also educated through Seminars and other forums about the specific requirements in the schemes.

(e): Yes, Sir.

(f): Wherever delay is found on the part of the erring officials, appropriate action has been taken.